



highschoolNGOconnect.org™

*...where high school students meet global change makers
in nongovernmental humanitarian relief organizations (NGOs)*

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highschoolNGOconnect.org™ expands global-minded academic enrichment in Paterson

Paterson, NJ (November 14, 2017) — Following completion of a pilot program at International High School, the Paterson Board of Education has invited **highschoolNGOconnect** to launch a second academic enrichment program for aspiring global citizens. Like the program coming back to International High School, the new program at the Rosa Parks High School of Fine and Performing Arts is slated to begin in January.

Students will explore **non-governmental humanitarian relief organizations (NGOs)** and conduct interviews via Skype with leaders in the non-profit NGO sector. Six classes over six weeks also will include a section devoted to music and art arising from social distress. An emphasis on building academic, collaborative and advocacy skills culminates with short speeches by students on behalf of NGOs they select and research.

A growing network highlights diverse nonprofit humanitarian activity around the world. “NGOs welcome the chance to engage a young, compassionate audience. These outstanding students can populate a new generation of humanitarian advocates, workers and leaders,” says Steven Mintz, the founder and executive director of **highschoolNGOconnect**. Recent additions to the Network include the [American Refugee Committee](#) (US), the [International Committee for Torture Rehabilitation](#) (Denmark), [Direct Relief](#) (US), [Instituto Socioambiental](#) (Brazil), [Education for All in Africa](#) (Cameroon), [Tzu Chi Foundation USA](#) and the [Eagles Foundation for Humanity](#) (Nigeria).

“I was really impressed by how passionate the students were in asking the questions surrounding NGO-UVP work and its public health impact,” said Mr. Kenneth Kaggwa, program coordinator at the [Uganda Village Project](#) (UVP), who was interviewed by students during the pilot project. “I’m sure they are going to be strong global advocates.”

“This is a great project because it opens the minds of young people to the world, and

particularly to a group that is trying to help and to give,” said Taj Hamad, the chairman of the [World Association of NGOs](#). Mr. Hamad’s organization unites more than 30,000 NGOs worldwide in the cause of advancing peace and global well being.

If you have not yet seen our short film, please view it here: [Academic Enrichment Without Borders](#) < <https://tinyurl.com/y95q6gtc> >.

HighschoolINGOconnect, the debut initiative by **High School Network for Global Philanthropy, Inc.**, supplies global-minded academic enrichment at no cost in school districts where more than half of the students are eligible for free or subsidized meals. Support for ***highschoolINGOconnect.org*** and its parent organization, **High School Network for Global Philanthropy, Inc.**, is fully tax deductible under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

HighschoolINGOconnect.org supplies nonprofit, global-minded academic enrichment to urban, suburban and rural high schools where more than half of the students are eligible for free or subsidized meals. Launched in 2016 by the **High School Network for Global Philanthropy, Inc.**, ***highschoolINGOconnect*** adheres to a rigorous curriculum taught by local teachers. The core skills-building mission 1) connects students via Skype to inspirational change-makers in worldwide non-governmental humanitarian relief organizations (NGOs), 2) equips compassionate students to champion humanitarian goals, and 3) spurs bold nonprofit leadership that eases local social problems. The program is poised to expand in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York State and Connecticut high schools under the banner of the High School Network for Global Philanthropy, Inc., in Montclair, New Jersey. **Contributions are tax deductible. FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @hsNGOconnect.org**

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